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As a computer technician, I have grave reservations about the proposed settlement. Those concerns are tied to the basic problem of preventing Microsoft from continuing to violate the laws regarding the leveraging of its monopoly into other markets. Microsoft continues to deny it has done anything wrong, even after several attempts to appeal the ruling have failed. This fundamental attitude on their part indicates that they feel they have done nothing wrong, and therefore will see no reason not to continue precisely the same conduct. There must be a strong mechanism to keep competition in the marketplace, or there will be no marketplace, just a choice of 1.

Please consider this factor, and please try to find some method to prevent the kind of conduct that has already been found to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

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